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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Proposed Special Factors for Grants for Residency Training and Advanced Education in the General Practice of Dentistry Programs for Fiscal Year 1998

Grants for Residency Training and Advanced Education in the General Practice of Dentistry Programs are authorized under section 749, title VII of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, dated October 13, 1992.

Proposed Special Factors

The following Special Factors are proposed:

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In determining the funding of approved applications, the Secretary will consider the following Special Factors:

Community linkages—This special factor may be addressed by the establishment of academic-community linkages, in particular linkages between the training program and underserved populations or communities. Documentation of such linkages should include verification that at least 20% of residents' training time occurs in one or more underserved settings. Memoranda of agreement and letters of support from the community settings involved should be included in the appropriate appendix of the application.

Establishment of new PGY-1 training positions—To address the recommendations of expert panels such as the Institute of Medicine and Pew Commission on Health that a year of post-doctoral training be available for all dental graduates, and that the majority of these positions be in general dentistry programs, this special factor may be addressed by the establishment of new postgraduate year-one (PGY-1) training positions, either through the establishment of a new program or the expansion of an existing program. An increase in the number of PGY-2

positions does not address the intent of this special factor.

Innovative training methods—Examples of ways in which applicants address this special factor might include new sponsor/co-sponsor arrangements; different organizational and administrative structures; expanded private/public sector affiliations and setting linkages; and creative applications for current instructional telecommunications and computer technologies.

Peer reviewers will take into consideration the extent to which proposals address these Special Factors and adjust their individual technical review scores accordingly.

An announcement will be made in the *HRSA Preview* for grant programs which will conduct competitive cycles in FY 1998.

The comment period is 30 days. All comments received on or before December 24, 1997 will be considered before the final review criteria are established. Written comments should be addressed to: Bernice Parlak, Division of Associated, Dental and Public Health Professions, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-6853; FAX: (301) 443-1164.

All comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Division of Associated, Dental and Public Health Professions, at the above address, weekdays (Federal holidays excepted) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program; Announcement of Funding Awards—Fiscal Year 1997

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this notice announces the funding decisions made

by the Department in a competition for funding under the Fiscal year 1997 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (NOPWA) program. The notice contains the names of award winners and the amounts of the awards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Vos, Acting Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7154, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1934, the TTY number for the hearing impaired is (202) 708-2565. (These are not toll-free numbers). Information on HOPWA, community development and consolidated planning, and other HUD programs may also be obtained from the Community Connections information center at 1-800-998-999 (voice) or 1-800-483-2209 (TTY); by email at amcom@aspensys.com; or by internet at gopher://amcom.aspensys.com. The HUD Home Page address on the World Wide Web is <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the competition was to award grants for housing assistance and supportive services by three types of projects: (1) Grants for special projects of national significance which, due to their innovative nature or their potential for replication, are likely to serve as effective models in addressing the needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families, including at least one grant for National HOPWA Technical Assistance; (2) grants for projects under the HIV Multiple-diagnoses Initiative (MDI) which, due to their innovative nature or their potential for replication, are likely to serve as effective models in addressing the needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families who are also homeless and have chronic alcohol and/or other drug abuse problems and/or serious mental illness; and (3) grants for projects which are part of long-term comprehensive strategies for providing housing and related to services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in areas that do not receive HOPWA formula allocations, including additional funds for the evaluation of MDI grant selected under the 1996 competition.

The HOPWA assistance made available in this announcement is authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) and was appropriated by the Department's appropriation, The "Department of Veterans Affairs and